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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to allegations of sexual assault or sexual harassment.

- 1- How many allegations of a) sexual assault and b) sexual harassment has your trust received against staff members in each of the past four years?
- 2- In how many of the cases were any of the alleged victims aged 18 or under at the time of the alleged offence?
- 3- In how many of the cases were any of the alleged victims current or former patients?
- 4- For each case, did it lead to i) internal disciplinary proceedings, ii) external disciplinary proceedings (i.e. through a regulator) and/or iii) a financial settlement.
- 5- For each case, please provide a broad description of the allegations involved, including the number of alleged victims / alleged perpetrators; their age (within a 10-year band); the date of the alleged offence and whether the alleged perpetrator occupied a managerial position.
- 6- For each case, please list the gender of the alleged perpetrator and the alleged victim. Alternatively, provide totals for the genders of the alleged perpetrators and alleged victims across all of your cases.
- 7- For each case which was dealt with by disciplinary proceedings, how many alleged offenders were i) fired; ii) suspended, iii) received written or verbal warnings.
- 8- Please provide the value of any financial settlement in each case.
- 9- Did any settlements (financial or otherwise) include clauses placing any restriction on the ability of the alleged victim to discuss the events involved or the institution? If so, how many?

The level of data breakdown requested is not held in a reportable format. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the

information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.